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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to precisely recite that the textile fabric of the coated airbag base fabric of the present invention comprises single yarns and that some of the single yarns constituting the textile fabric are surrounded by the resin of the coated airbag base fabric, and the other single yarns constituting the textile fabric are not surrounded by the resin.

The amendments to claims 1 and 17 are believed to find proper descriptive support in the present application and, specifically, in paragraphs [0022] and [0023] of the publication of the present application, US 2007/0031621, and original claims 2 and 3, and in the drawings. Original claims 2 and 3 recite that a percentage of the single yarns, based on the total single yarns, are surrounded by the resin. The recitations "percentage of the single yarns" and "based on the total single yarns" mean a percentage of single yarns in terms of number of single yarns and, when in light of the drawings and, particularly, Fig. 4, cannot reasonably be interpreted as reading on a portion of a single yarn.

In the Action, the Office states: "[a]pplicant has amended the claims to appear that the textile is coated on one side with a resin and at least some of the single yarns are surrounded by the resin and some of the same single yarns are not surrounded by the

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resin." (Final Office Action, page 3, lines 5-8, page 3, emphasis applicants').

However, this understanding is not correct. In the present invention, the term "single yarn" means a "single fiber" which constitutes a multifilament. (See, for example, paragraphs [0018] and [0021]). This is illustrated in the attached figures from US 2007/0031621, which have been marked-up for clarity. Fig.3 shows that all of single yarns are surrounded by the resin. On the other hand, in Fig. 4, some of single yarns (four single yarns in Fig.4) are surrounded by the resin and the other single yarns are not surrounded by the resin.

For the above reasons, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2010. and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of

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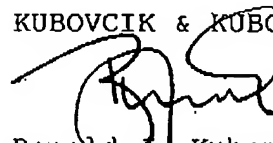
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time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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Attachment: Figures 3 and 4 from US 2007/0031621 and illustrative figures